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A HAPPY OCCASION.

Mrs. Bracewell Gives the Congregational Choir a Ride and Supper.

The best supper, the pleasantest sleigh-ride and the jolliest time the Congregational choir ever had was last night at Idlewild. Every year for several winters past Mrs. Bracewell has given this choir a treat of a similar kind. The chosen place until this winter has been "Paradise." All were greatly pleased with the Idlewild and its ideal landlord, Mr. Savage. They even sang Henry's name changed to "Prince Charming." Nothing, they say, could be more inappropriate or such a misfit for "mine host" as Savage. When asked if the supper was good you ought to have heard the answer. Well, every adjective was exhausted in trying to tell how delicious it was.

An effort was made to dance and sing after this repast, but the result was a complete failure. At 12:30 the party started for home, giving three lusty cheers for Idlewild and its gentlemanly landlord, Prof. Mietzke and the choir extend their sincere thanks to Mrs. Bracewell for her generous kindness.

Moral Influence of the Press.

Charles T. Ralston of the Hoosac Valley News speaks at St. John's parish house this evening at 8 o'clock on "The Moral Influence of the Press." At the close of the address, which is free to all, the audience will have the opportunity of catechizing Mr. Ralston and taking issue with, or supporting him, as they may be disposed. Other members of the press are cordially invited, as well as the general public.

—Miss Maud Eastman of Meadow street and her right ankle sprained last night while hobnobbing. In passing a sled her foot caught causing her painful injury. Dr. Dewey attended.

UNITED PRESS.

By Telegraph

3.30 O'CLOCK.

The storm has played such havoc with the telegraph wires that our telegraphic report today is limited.—Ed.

IT'S A HURRICANE.

A Terrific Storm on the North Atlantic Coast.

HURRICANE SIGNALS ARE DISPLAYED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE NEW ENGLAND COAST.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—A terrific storm is sweeping the North Atlantic coast today with hurricane force.

The wind is creating immense damage. The coast towns and cities are cut off from all telegraphic communication. The awful force of the storm makes it seem that no vessel so unfortunate as to be outside a harbor could live.

At Marblehead and Gloucester the ocean billows are running mountain high, and the Maine coast reports a storm of unequalled violence.

The weather bureau has ordered the hurricane signal displayed. This is the first display of that signal ever made in this section.

The storm promises to increase in violence tonight, and most disastrous results may be expected.

UHL IS ACCEPTABLE.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The state department has ascertained in advance that Mr. Uhl will be acceptable to the German government as our ambassador. There has been really no doubt on that score, as assurance to that effect was given unofficially through the press by the Berlin foreign office a few days after Ambassador Runyon's death, when Mr. Uhl's name was first mentioned for the position.

JOHANNESBURG PRISONERS.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
PRETORIA, Feb. 6.—The Johannesburg prisoners were arraigned yesterday charged with having held possession of the city of Johannesburg by force for some time, and of openly having avowed their opposition to the government. The examination was adjourned.

FINANCIAL.

Stocks opened on the average 1/4 higher this morning, the grangers being particularly active and strong.

Of the industrial sugar was the most active but steady.

Tobacco and whiskey were dull with few sales.

Vanderbilt's were slightly lower as were the Goulds.

At noon the market had settled down to dullness the undertone remains bullish but there is no activity.

Carlisle says the bond award will not be announced before Saturday. It looks as if the trades were holding off for some fresh news to boost the market on as the bond issue has no doubt been discounted up to last night.

New York Market.

[Closing Quotations, 3 p. m.]

Received through the office of A. M. Tricker, Room 3, Bucklewood block. Executes order for stocks and bonds, deals upon New York Stock Exchange for cash or on margin. Private telephone 70.

American Cotton Oil	18-18
American Sugar	103-34
Atchafalca	103-34
American Tobacco	78-58
B. & O.	40-34
Canada Southern	60-14
Hocking Valley	108-12
Chicago & Northwestern	117-18
Rock Island	72-18
Chicago & East	61-38
St. Paul	75-12
C. & N. Y.	72-18
Chicago & St. P. M. & O.	39-14
C. C. & St. L.	37
Con. Gen.	155-34
Del. & H.	129
Del. & N. Y.	102
Dis. & C. Fed.	16-18
Gen. Electric	28-58
Ill. Cen.	37
Lake Shore	48-12
M. & N. Y.	108-34
Manhattan Elevated	108-34
M. K. & T. Con.	27-18
M. K. & T. Prof.	21-34
Missouri Pacific	27-14
National Lead	10-14
N. Y. Cen.	96-14
N. Y. & N. J.	16-18
N. Y. & W. Con.	15-58
N. Y. & W. Con.	31
No. Pacific pref.	35-38
Phil. Adm.	12-18
Phil. Reading	14-14
Pullman	10-34
Southern Railway common	29-14
U. S. Rubber	22-14
U. S. Leather	22-14
Wabash pref.	66-58
Western Union	18
Wheeling & Lake Erie	23-58

Chicago Markets.

Wheat—May 87 1/2	July 87 1/2
Corn—May 30 1/2	July 31 1/2
Chicago—May 10 1/2	July 10 1/2
Lard—May 3.80	July 3.80

Cotton.

May	Opening	Closing
	8.20	8.64

Unfortunate Accident.

Joseph Miller of Williamstown, freight brakeman on the Fitchburg railroad, had his right hand crushed while coupling cars in the freight yard there this morning. At the hospital Dr. Dewey removed the fingers on the hand at the second joint.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

An Important Event at Adams Yesterday Afternoon and Evening.

THE BAPTIST SOCIETY'S NEW EDIFICE.

The Dedication Exercises. Good Music, a Good Sermon and Many Congratulatory Expressions from Clergy and Laymen.

At 2.50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon began the exercises in dedication of the Baptist society's handsome new edifice at Adams. There were over 300 people present and all enjoyed the program, which began with an organ selection by Professor Way. The hymn "Coronation," was sung by the audience, after which H. E. Brady of Dalton invoked the divine blessing. Rev. O. T. Rose of Dalton read from scripture and prayer was offered by Rev. George Coleworthy of Tyringham. Miss Lucy Richmond led in the singing of the anthem, "Lord We Pray Thee," by the choir.

Owing to the illness of R. H. Simmons, treasurer of the society, David L. Pollett read the totals of the financial statement as follows: Subscriptions made, \$15,751.61; subscriptions received, \$14,217.17; money borrowed, \$3,500; unpaid bills, \$3,057.01; cash on hand, \$391.42.

Deacon Daniel Upton, chairman of the building committee, read the committee's report, which he supplemented by a few remarks. He said in part: "I rejoice to recognize the goodness and mercy of God. He has been with me in my hopes and desires to see a new church here. I rejoice to see his work. Man can accomplish God's work, but of himself he can do nothing." Mr. Upton then gave a short synopsis of the building committee's work. He said that an agreement had been made before the work was started that on no consideration would they allow the cost to reach more than \$24,300, and it had not. By a unanimous vote of the church \$350 was expended for an alteration in the chapel. There were sundry expenditures to the amount of \$5,125, and the clock had been the cause of another disbursement of \$235. In all, the expense was less than \$31,000. There was no serious injury to anybody during the work. He then presented the keys to Rev. Mr. Foskett, saying: "I hand you the keys and surrender to you the church. May it ever after be not our house, but the house of God."

In response Rev. Mr. Foskett paid a deserved tribute to the committee, saying in part: "When we entrusted to this committee the work of superintending the construction of this church, we little knew what they would accomplish. We felt that we had selected seven men who were tried and true and willing to sacrifice for the building. Our trust was in no way misplaced. Nobly, faithfully and with a sacrificial spirit few know of, you have gone forward with the will of the church and the will of the Heavenly Father. We rejoice in the culmination of your efforts. We rejoice in the business-like and Christian-like manner in which you have performed your duties. I believe that through your efforts we have a better place than we dared hope for. I thank you in behalf of the brothers and sisters of the church for the work you have done. I trust that this business-like and Christian-like manner will remain with you at all future times. Mr. Foskett transferred the keys to Deacon B. P. Phillips, chairman of the trustees, with well chosen words.

Mr. Phillips spoke briefly, expressing his regard and that of his brethren, for Rev. Mr. Foskett.

The came congratulations from visiting clergymen, the first being from Rev. W. H. Eaton, D.D., of Boston. His remarks were complimentary to the new building and he spoke of "the spirit of sacrifice and the spirit of restlessness which enables the church to have this beautiful place of worship." In closing he said: "The gospel is for all, let all have a place here. I would not stay on this platform if this was not to be a home for all races."

THE BELATED PICNIC.

Very Successful Conclusion at the Parish House Last Evening.

The "Belated Picnic" closed at St. John's parish house last evening and was a success in every way, particularly financially. The children occupied the grove yesterday afternoon in good numbers and romped and made sport to their hearts' content. Last evening the rooms were crowded and the numerous booths did much business. The entertainment afforded was highly enjoyable and the novelty of the affair was refreshing. The ladies of the church deserve entire credit for the occasion and they expressed themselves as well repaid for their efforts. The following ladies superintended the affair: Mrs. John Emmott, Mrs. C. M. Lewis, Mrs. F. W. Reed, Miss Jennie Liddford, Mrs. E. H. Ripley, Mrs. John Dick, Mrs. John Pratt and Mrs. Annie Henderson.

VERY SERIOUSLY HURT.

A Brakeman Falls Under a Car and Loses Both Legs.

Timothy Kennedy, twenty-five years old, of Shelburne Falls, a freight brakeman on the Fitchburg railroad, was terribly injured in the Williamstown yard yesterday afternoon. He was assisting in making up a train and whether he slipped while going up a car ladder or fell while coupling cars is not known. He was found beneath a freight car and both legs had been run over and fearfully crushed. He was taken at once to the hospital, being brought to North Adams at 4 o'clock. Dr. Rice, assisted by Drs. Mignault and Stafford, amputated the left leg below the knee. Kennedy is as comfortable this morning as could be expected and his recovery is looked for. He was a brakeman on a local train which runs between Shelburne Falls and Williamstown in charge of Conductor Richardson, and was considered a careful employee and a man of good habits.

Miss Anna E. Reagan returned last night from a month's stay in New York.

BEAUTIFUL BELLS.

North Adams Has One of the Finest Bells in the United States.

STORY OF A BOY BURGLAR'S GIFT.

The Chimes of St. Francis Unsurpassed by Trinity's in New York. Why Not a Curfew For Our New City.

[From the Berkshire Bohemian's Column in Weekly Transcript.]

"Those evening bells, those evening bells, how many a tale their music tell," above the rumbling of the street cars, the whir of the elevated trains and the jingling of bells on the car horses, now fast becoming discarded servants of the past; above all the discordant noises of a bustling, ever restless city, whose feverish heart seems never to know quiet even at evening time of the one day of supposed rest, there comes the sweetly suggestive sound of the bells telling their tales from the stately church towers.

Broadway and Berkshire Bells.

The sound of a bell whether it be a church bell, a door bell, or a dinner bell is a sort of a home sound. Perhaps it is this that carries one's thoughts suddenly tonight from brilliant Broadway to beautiful Berkshire. For old Trinity and its famous chimes were in my mind when all at once the chimes I used to hear up there among the hills were longed for as something far sweeter in the way of bells than can be heard down here in the region of brick and stone and mortar.

As far-famed as are the Trinity chimes they are vastly overestimated. The one time when they receive the most attention is at the ringing in of the new year. But the midnight crowd on Broadway at that time is a jolly jumble of fun-seekers, whose chief aim seems to be not so much to hear the music of the bells as to make a merry night of it. They have a way peculiar to New York's of doing it. There's no use going into details about it. It is a kind of fun that one needs to be decidedly "in it" to heartily enjoy; an indescribable sort of fun, where good form is at a discount and tall hats and dignity are quite likely to meet with irreverent treatment.

Why Not a Curfew?

But the Trinity chimes heard at their best do not surpass the chimes we used to hear in North Adams, the chimes of St. Francis' church. Why is it they are not heard lately? They are excellent bells and could be made a very pleasing feature of the city if played at the most fitting hour of the day for a suggestive purpose. Supposing they were played as a sunset curfew, they could be made a beautiful benediction for the close of the day.

The curfew, originated by William the Conqueror to be rung at 8 o'clock as a signal for extinguishing all lights, could be very usefully and appropriately adopted to indicate the setting of the sun. It would not be a bad idea for busy North Adams to have a sweet reminder of needed evening rest. This young city has many original ideas; this might be made another distinctive and pleasing one.

Some Famous Bells.

The largest bell in the world is the "Monarch of Moscow," weighing 128 tons. There is another wonderful mass of bell metal known as the "Great Bell of Moscow," weighing 440,000 pounds, but it was never used as a bell. It was cast in 1733, was buried in the earth 103 years and excavated in 1836. It was broken and was placed standing on a foundation for use as a chapel. It is nearly twenty feet high, over sixty feet in circumference and two feet thick. Among other noted bells are "Great Tom" of Oxford, seven tons, "Big Ben" of Westminster, about fourteen tons, the cathedral bell at Cologne, twenty-five tons, and bells at Vienna and Erfurt, the one at the latter place being regarded as one of the finest in the quality of its metal.

Bell metal is made chiefly of a mixture of copper and tin, an ordinary proportion being about four to one respectively. But of course the quality and tone are greatly varied by compounding other metals with the ordinary mixture. The cost of bells varies greatly and the only information I have at hand about it is that "Great Peter," a noted bell at York Minster, cast in 1545, weighing ten tons, cost 2,000 pounds, from which it would seem that a good bell at that time was worth about fifty cents a pound.

The Tale of a Berkshire Bell.

The tales told by the bells are many and varied and sweet, but none are sweeter than those that can tell of sweet charity and her recompense. Such a tale has been beautifully told for years by a bell in North Adams but there may be many acquainted to listen to it who are not familiar with its story. It is the bell hanging in the tower of the Congregational church, known to be one of the finest toned bells in America, if indeed it has any superior in our country.

A number of years ago there lived in North Adams a young fellow known as Sam Whitton. A wild, reckless boy and so poor as to know the meaning of real want and hardship. Dr. E. S. Hawkes, of beloved memory, then a prominent physician of the town, befriended him as a boy and among other gifts of charity one day gave the little bare-footed chap a pair of shoes. The good doctor tried to lead him by kindness into a decent life but the boy went to the bad. He became one of a gang of young toughs who were lodged in jail for burglary. Dr. Hawkes by unassuming strong personal effort with the assistance of a petition circulated by him succeeded in obtaining a pardon for young Whitton. After a few years Whitton brought up and down Main street. The young men stopped their horses near Whitt's livery stable entrance and the officer ran to them, getting to the sleigh just in time to leap into it over the back. He drove to the police station and was followed by a large cheering crowd. The young men were from Williamstown and were accused of drunkenness, disturbing the peace and fast driving. They were bailed out by two friends, but did not appear in court this morning.

—Louis Boulanger employed by the Adams marqueequary received a compound fracture of his left leg this morning by having a heavy rock fall upon his leg. He was brought to the hospital and Dr. Dewey dressed his injuries.

The Cold Snap

Will bring many a soft snap. But something besides a pretty girl and a fast horse is needed to make the sleighride a thoroughly enjoyable affair.

A big made-right Ulster has much to do with the success of such an occasion as well as with the comfort of men in all their winter walks.

The made-right kind always in stock. Note the Prices.

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LADIES' JACKETS

At Half Price.

Final Cut in Cloak Department.

MANCUSO IS MISSING.

He Probably Fears Prosecution for Illegal Keeping and Selling.

Dominico Mancuso, the Italian, whose premises in the basement of the American house were raided Tuesday forenoon, is missing. He left a man in charge of his store, the goods in which are now under attachment. His whereabouts are unknown, but it is believed he is in New York. If he were found and prosecuted for illegal keeping and selling he would probably be punished severely, as it would be the second time he would have been accused of such offenses.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Coon Hollow."

"Coon Hollow," with its wealth of scenery, will be produced at the Columbia tonight. Not only is the story of the play an interesting story of the South, but its realistic scenes command it to the play-going public. The burning drama, the steamboat race and the cotton-press are all particularly good. Lizzie Evans heads the strong cast.

Officer Parrow's Work.

Officer Parrow arrested two boisterous young men last night, who were driving wildly up and down Main street. The young men stopped their horses near Whitt's livery stable entrance and the officer ran to them, getting to the sleigh just in time to leap into it over the back. He drove to the police station and was followed by a large cheering crowd. The young men were from Williamstown and were accused of drunkenness, disturbing the peace and fast driving. They were bailed out by two friends, but did not appear in court this morning.

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Sale Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

25 HORSES!

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C. P. Gilson and C. L. Frank, auctioneers.

Sleds!

We have a good stock of them. They are all sizes and prices.

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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

The Lecture by Miss Dawes.—The Fair.—The Date Changed.

Yeaton's Reception.
Today George N. Yeaton has been receiving his friends in his new store in Jones' block and a great many called upon him and inspected his new place this afternoon and Palmer's orchestra rendered a pleasing program. Every visitor received a pretty souvenir. The reception will continue this evening.

The Date Changed.
February 18 is the date set for the presentation of the opera, the "Tyrolean Queen," by 78 young ladies of the Notre Dame church of Pittsfield under the direction of Miss Parker. The opera will be given in English and is sure to be very good. A special train will run from Pittsfield.

At the Fair.
The Caledonian club visited Lafayette band fair Wednesday evening and the concert given by them was very pleasing. Tonight Harry Roncoe, the boy trick rider of Cheshire, who is to tour during the coming season for Spaulding, will be the attraction. He will use a new wheel made especially for him by that firm.

Lecture by Miss Anna L. Dawes.
Miss Anna L. Dawes, daughter of ex-Senator Henry L. Dawes, and a prominent writer will lecture at the auditorium of the Congregational house tonight on the Indian question. Miss Dawes is rapidly gaining a name in the literary world and is a very bright woman. Her lecture is sure to be entertaining and deserves a large attendance.

The Thursday afternoon club will meet today with Mrs. A. M. Bailey. Washington Irving will be read by Mrs. C. F. Sales, and Mrs. C. A. Whitman will read from Chateaufort.

Some of the high school pupils are forming a club to take instructions in club swinging exercises.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Manley occurred from St. Charles church at 6 o'clock this morning.

Confessions for members of the league of the Sacred Heart will be heard at St. Charles church this afternoon and evening and masses will be said at 4.45 and 7.30 o'clock Friday morning. Friday evening, Rev. Fr. Prendergast of Hinsdale will address the members of the league.

Tickets went on sale Wednesday for the senior's concert Tuesday evening by the Boston Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar club, assisted by Mrs. Eulie Gay Rushmore, the reader.

On Friday evening comes the Hibernian society's dedicatory social and the concert at Zionite chapel by the North Adams Congregational choir.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Charles H. Sabin, a son of Mrs. C. E. Sabin of Hoxie avenue, has been made cashier of the Park bank at Albany, N. Y. Mr. Sabin is well known to the young men of Williamstown. It is not often so young a man is appointed to cashiership of a city bank.

Deputy Sheriff Eldridge has received his new suit of clothes. It is unlike the uniform of former sheriffs.

The E. P. Hopkins post, No. 209, entertained post 125 of Adams and a few of C. D. Sanford post 79 of North Adams Wednesday evening. Speeches were made by Commander I. S. Fowler of post 209, Adjutant W. L. Crosier, Rev. Edward Wilson, Commander Phelps of Sayles post 126, Adams, and Comrade Pickett. Senior Vice Commander E. P. Derby of Springfield was the distinguished guest of the evening. He made an excellent address. He particularly commended, as an officer of the G. A. R., Montgomery's History of the United States in its chapters on the late war. Other speakers added to this sentiment, and it was the principal feeling of the evening that this history be abolished from the public schools. Other speakers were Comrades A. B. Mole and Whipple Adams, and Tower, Jewett and Fulton of North Adams. The finest effort was the speech of A. E. Hall of Williamstown. It was especially appropriate, warning all to prepare for war if necessary. "Never give away to sentiment, if sentiment is against truth, country or duty, as there are some worse things than war." Comrade Tower of North Adams, as usual, led everything in wit, drollery, etc., and perhaps some are laughing yet. Refreshments were even better than upon former occasions.

The young man from North Adams that called upon me seeking a position on my farm will bear something to his advantage by again calling. Come at once. Joseph Richards, Williamstown, Mass.

For china, glass tin ware go to A. W. Hunt, No. 29 Spring St., new 14-cent store.

Laundry, 72 Main St., Charley Wren, proprietor. I will call for washing, when laundered will deliver to owners.

STAMFORD.

A Dastardly Act. Who Did It?
The Bliss property that was sold recently at public auction, to P. Morrissey, and resold to Fred Harris was vacated by the widow Bliss and family last week. The house was badly out of repair when bought, but after it was sold some one mutilated the inside in a dastardly manner. Pieces were cut out of the window sills in large chips, as if done with an ax. A great many window lights were broken from the inside as if done with a small stick or broom handle, the holes in many instances being almost round, the glass being found on the outside. A door was badly injured, and it is estimated that it will take twenty-five dollars to make good the damage. The mysterious part is, who did it? The Bliss claim it was not done when they left the property, that everything was just as it had been for weeks before, and the Harris claim that Mrs. Harris and her aunt living near went into the house very soon after the family left the house, in fact, in less than an hour after, and it was then in its present condition. Mr. Harris and wife are a young couple just buying a home and necessarily running into debt for a part of it, and naturally feel keenly the necessity of having to make additional repairs. They cannot imagine how they have given anyone cause for such a deed.

Rev. Fayette Nicolls of Wilbraham supplied the pulpit of the M. E. church both morning and evening last Sunday, as Rev. John Landry was unable to be out. Mr. Landry is improving and will be out in a few days.

Everett Harris and family spent Sunday in town, returning to their home at Readsboro city Monday morning.

"Jack" Connors finished working for P. Morrissey last Saturday and thinks of going to Bennington, Vt.

Mrs. A. H. Fuller is better. Logs are being hauled into Tudor's mill at the rate of thirty or forty thousand feet a day this week.

The Adolphe Barber property on Cole hill has been sold to A. J. Niles of the city, writings being drawn and signed Monday.

Don't forget the closing exercises of the village schools Friday afternoon.

Mrs. A. W. Williams and other ladies of the village will take turns in being at the town library on each Friday from 4 till 5 o'clock, as librarians, after the village schools close.

H. W. Frame has bought a milk route at the city and will commence retailing milk at once. We bespeak him a success. His patrons will be served in an honorable, gentlemanly manner. We also gladly welcome one more to the morning train leaving our village. The six teams which have left each morning this last year carried over 1,000 quarts a day and Mr. Frame will make an outlet for more milk produced by our farmers. This valley with its fine drainage and located above all manufacturing establishments to empty into its streams having as pure water as is found in the world, will naturally furnish more and more milk for the city.

The oldest people in town are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stafford, his age being eighty-year's, her's eighty-two years. Mr. Stafford is the last and only one of six brothers and is still very active for one who has to use two crutches to walk. Mrs. Stafford retains her eye sight remarkably for a woman of her age, being able to do fine embroidery without the aid of glasses. They have two children, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and twenty nephews and nieces. This worthy couple have lived together sixty-three years.

Royal Houghton is home from New York and is as well as can be expected. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Bertha Baker was surprised Friday evening by a party of her schoolmates, it being her thirteenth birthday. She received a number of presents.

NORTH POWNAL.

A Bride Disappointed.
The wedding of Fred Imbush and Jennie Meiner was to take place Saturday last at 5 o'clock p. m. The groom went, as was supposed to get a license and has not been heard from yet. The would-be bride thinks he changed his mind and says she is glad that so fickle-minded a man has failed to be captured by her at last.

Surprise Party.
Tracy Dorman on returning home Monday night of this week was surprised to find a goodly number of his friends at his home and as the evening advanced they continued coming in until fifty-three persons had gathered together to enjoy the evening. The amusements were games, plays and singing. Many presents were left by the party which will be reminders in the future to Mr. and Mrs. Dorman of a pleasant and social occasion in honor of Mr. Dorman's twenty-sixth birthday. After partaking of a bountiful supper the party broke up about 2 a. m. Tuesday morning.

William J. Brown has purchased a second-hand wagon, and he now has two. One that he owns if owned by its former owner would have passed through four generations.

Mr. Cotton held the ticket which drew the horse, harness and wagon at the raffle Saturday night.

Walter Sheldon intended moving his family to Greylock this week, but has secured work here for which his family are thankful.

Mrs. Eddie Brothers gave a pink tea Thursday afternoon, January 30, to a number of her lady friends. Those entertained enjoyed it very much.

Fred Seabean and family moved to Greylock February 1.

John Walsh has vacated the pool room which he rented but a short time ago, and George Bullett has taken possession. Mr. Bullett has moved his pool room from the house to the store, also his barber shop furniture. George thinks competition in his line of business this side of the river will be closed for a while, if not entirely.

Revised laws of Vermont, 1894, page 914, section 5128, reads as follows: "A person who sells or disposes of property by way of chance, or as an inducement to the sale of property, gives the purchaser or any other person other property to be drawn by way of chance or lottery, shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars."

The Methodist society has organized a society similar to the Ladies' Aid, known as "The Willing Workers." The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. S. J. Eldred; vice president, Mrs. Oren Dings; second vice president, Mrs. Sarah Russell; secretary, Miss Mira Wilcox; treasurer, Mrs. George Phelps; chaplain, Mrs. Oren Dings; committee on constitution and by-laws, Rev. E. L. Arnold, Miss Bertha Eldred, Miss Mira Wilcox.

SOUTH WILLIAMSTOWN.

It will be remembered that an item appeared in the TRANSCRIPT a few weeks since stating that Mrs. O. C. Putnam had interested herself in the case of Mrs. Kate Navin, who had been an inmate of the insane asylum at Northampton for over four years. She went to see her on November 18, and during the half hour spent with her, saw nothing in her manner or conversation that would indicate insanity. Since that time Mrs. Putnam has been unceasing in her efforts to effect her release. The result was that Mrs. Navin was brought to this place last Monday by Selectman Bridges and established in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coady, where arrangements had previously been made. Mrs. Navin's happiness is unbounded, and her gratitude to Mrs. Putnam will be everlasting. In this case she certainly has proved herself to be a friend of the friendless.

Rev. Mr. Lytle met with a painful accident recently while practicing in the college gymnasium, badly spraining his ankle and fracturing one bone. He is being cared for at the infirmary, and doing as well as can be expected. David Yercizian, an Armenian student, occupied his place in the pulpit last Sunday morning.

D. W. Thompson was sent as delegate with the pastor to attend the council for the ordination of John H. Denison at the college chapel last Thursday evening.

The Y. P. S. C. E. was represented by Miss Anna H. Torrey at the Greylock Union held at Braytonville last Friday evening.

Notwithstanding the poor sleighing, large and numerous parties have been entertained at the Idlewild the last few weeks.

Mrs. Leroy B. Smith returned last Monday from a visit with friends in Pittsfield.

READSBORO ITEMS.

—There was a dance at EH Duperrault's Saturday night.

—A. P. Edwards of Jacksonville was in town Saturday.

—Nelson Jarvis is stopping with his brother, Joseph Jarvis.

—Dr. H. S. Ward has been laid up several days with a quinsy sore throat.

—Mrs. C. E. Cutler returned Friday from a week's visit in Bennington.

—Mrs. Lewis Bailey was in Stamford over Sunday visiting relatives.

—John Harris has left the chair shop and gone to Montague to work.

—The W. C. T. U. will meet with Miss Hattie Douglas next Tuesday afternoon.

—Mrs. Herbert King of Zoar is stopping for a while with her father, Fred Wellman.

—Rev. C. E. Cahoe, who injured his eye some three months ago, is slowly recovering.

—The Readsboro band has changed its regular rehearsal nights to Mondays and Thursdays.

—Mrs. I. G. Pierce has been quite sick for several weeks and is still confined to the bed.

—Mrs. Amos Case returned Friday from a visit of about two weeks in Williamstown.

—Samuel King of Erving has been in town visiting among his friends and former neighbors.

—Selah Holbrook and family of Jacksonville have visited friends in town recently.

—Bark brings the farmers \$5.50 a ton at the tannery, and veal skins fifty and seventy-five cents each.

—W. D. Howe has been laid up with a crick in the back for several days, but is now able to be around again.

—A few Readsboro Masons attended the annual meeting and banquet of Unity lodge at Jacksonville last Thursday.

—H. E. Parsons has changed around the counters in his jewelry store which has made a decided improvement.

—Will Crozier returned to Williamstown Wednesday. He has been from his brother Frank Crozier a couple of weeks.

—The light fall of snow Friday night helped the sleighing very much. The heavy teaming had worn the snow out in many places.

—A social dance is being arranged for Friday evening, Feb. 21, at Odd Fellows' hall. Music will be furnished by the Hull brothers of Williamstown.

—Mrs. Lestina Olden has had a shock and is in very bad condition. As she is advanced in years her prospects of recovery are not of the best.

—Merritt Blanchard has returned to work for Dr. Ward. He has been in Charleston for several weeks caring for the late Dr. Bowen's horses.

—Miss Geneva of Rowe Bolton is working at M. O. Hicks' in place of Hattie Davis, who was obliged to return home on account of poor health.

—E. O. Harris and wife visited relatives in Stamford Sunday. Mr. Harris has left the tannery and is now night-watch at the tannery.

—This is a great town for traveling salesmen; the Goodell house was full of them last week and they all doubtless went away happy.

—Allie Chase drew a load of hemlock logs into the chair shop yard last week that measured 1351 feet. This is the largest load drawn in by anyone yet.

—H. D. McDonald went to New York this week to meet his family who came from North Carolina. He has a wife and two children.

—Antonio Zeni and wife were called to Springfield, Mass., last week by the death of Mrs. Zeni's father. She has the sympathy of all in her loss.

—M. O. Hicks and his men have been very busy drawing wood and logs to the chair shop yard the past week. Every one is improving the fine sleighing these days.

—Mrs. Minnie Harrington has received a fine pen drawing from F. L. Tower for making the most improvements during his term of writing school. Its size is 22x28 inches.

—Dr. F. E. Dean was in town Friday and Saturday. The doctor formerly practiced his profession in Readsboro, but has been located at South Shaftsbury the past year.

—The town of Somerset is having a whole picnic. The town clerk has refused to give bonds as required by the selection and has also refused to give up the town books.

—There was a large attendance from Readsboro at the dance at Williamstown Friday night. Our people always turn out well to dances in that town, and have a good time invariably.

—Jason P. Lord is quite sick. He is the oldest man in town, being 88, but has always enjoyed good health and his recovery is hoped for. Diana Goodell is the oldest woman having seen 89 summers.

—Mrs. G. M. Bemis returned Saturday from Saxton's River, where she had visited two weeks. Mr. Bemis went with her, but returned the first of last week. Mrs. C. G. Brown kept house for them while they were away.

—The Loyal Temperance Legion held a talk at the Baptist church last Thursday evening, and there was a good attendance. The little ones spoke nicely, and did themselves and those who instructed them great credit.

—The auditors are busily engaged on the town report. The report this year will be quite lengthy as the town voted at the last town meeting to have an itemized report. Probably the report will be in the hands of the printer inside of a week.

—Our friend Bowles over at Woodford asks us for a clown for his show over there. Well, Readsboro has a number and the walking is poor, and if S. M. B. will send over a gentleman male for transportation, we will try and furnish him a clown.

—We have received a most instructive and well-written article from A. P. Carpenter on the Monroe doctrine. Williamstown can be proud of this young man, who is now in a Boston law school and a teacher in the evening schools as well. Space only prohibits our use of the article.

—P. G. Carpenter's log job at How's pond is being pushed rapidly. Last week

was a good one and 40,000 feet of logs a day were drawn. Mr. Carpenter is obliged to clear the lot this season on account of raising the pond for the electric plant. The building of this plant the coming season is confidently looked for.

—Superintendent Gagnon of Barber's tannery says they are receiving daily from forty to fifty cords of bark and that business is booming with them. "Twenty men are employed and they are putting in 150 sides a day. The leather is selling as fast as they can finish it for the market, and hides are declining. They pay for No. 1 green hides four cents a pound and one-half cent less for No. 2.

—This is the only winter for sometime which has been allowed to get so far along without any excursion to Readsboro. Several people have noticed it up this way and we would suggest that the Readsboro Dramatic club should improve the opportunity and get up another entertainment such as "Placer Gold" and arrange for a special excursion from Williamstown. Times. A good suggestion Brother Packard, but the Dramatic club claim they have not yet been able to find a second "Placer Gold." Perhaps later the club will be able to satisfy the desire of our Williamstown friends.

The Ice Breaks.
The ice on Howe's pond doesn't make a good road any longer, over which Mr. Carpenter's men and teams can carry their logs. Charles Ross' team yesterday had a narrow escape from a severe ducking, the ice breaking as this team was returning across the pond without a load, while loaded sleds had just crossed in safety. It is thought the snow coming on to the ice rotted it.

A Fox Hunt.
W. H. Bradford, J. S. Lyman and W. A. Vial of Bennington accompanied by Jesse James, Jr., and John Davis, the noted fox and bear hunter of Southern Vermont, put up at the Goodell house two days last week. They had a pack of blooded fox dogs and evidently came for a good time. The party started out Wednesday morning and about 11 o'clock a fox was started, and as they reynard rushed from cover and played his sharp tricks to throw the dogs off the track, the party said it was great sport to see the race. Mr. Bradford and his party spoke highly of the Goodell house and the treatment they received and promised to come again. By that time we hope "Old Rip Van Winkle" will get his eyes rubbed open, and get awakened from his twenty-years' slumber so he can tell the age of all the fox tricks the whole party might find, also the place where the fox might be expected to jump.

SAVOY CENTER.

Seneca T. Cain's dog, "Shep," carries the mail to their neighbor, Mr. Thompson. He goes as well as a boy. They tie it around his neck.

Elmer and Elwin McCulloch are drawing wood for William Maynard. It is a very rough way. Elwin came home last week with a badly broken sled.

Prof. Dodd of Williamstown came to his Hideaway cottage last week.

Flora Harris and Kate Meacham were visiting at Hawley last week. They went out sliding down hill and the sled tipped over with them and they were both injured quite badly. See West Hawley items.

Arnold Burnett, who has been quite sick with scarlet fever, is improving. It is hoped that the disease will not spread.

HOOSAC TUNNEL.

T. J. Splan is in town for a few days. Miss R. D. Galbraith visited friends in Rowe Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Bigger is in Hartford, Ct., having his eyes tested.

Miss Grace March visited at her home in Ashfield over Sunday.

Two or three couples took in the box party at G. N. Thatcher's in Florida.

The village school is preparing for their closing entertainment, which promises to be a good one.

A gang of Italian wood-choppers struck town the other day and are chopping along the narrow gauge.

MONROE BRIDGE.

James Phillips was called to Holyoke Tuesday by the death of his brother, who died of consumption.

Mrs. A. H. Goldthwaite visited with her sister, Mrs. George Nichols last week.

Miss Ida B. Dore has finished work for Mrs. W. Turner, and has returned to her home in Williamstown.

Mattie Lebeauf of Readsboro, visited a A. H. Goldthwaite's last week.

HARTWELLVILLE.

Fred Bosley takes the cake as far as drawing the largest load of logs to Dibble and Canedy's mill. He drew 408 feet, cord measure, or nine spruce logs from the woods to the mill with one pair of horses.

Who can beat this?

Miss Lottie Cooley has finished work for Thomas Canedy, and is stopping at Joseph Goddard's.

L. E. Reed was called to North Adams Monday to see his sister, Mrs. George Haskins who died that night at 8 o'clock. She leaves a husband, two daughters and four brothers. Her father, Marcena Reed, still lives in Hartwellville.

Dibble and Canedy got into their mill yard 600 cords of timber in the month of January.

Mrs. Mabel Van Vechten is stopping with her father, S. Mason.

Mrs. L. E. Reed has returned home from North Adams where she has been some time doctoring for the rheumatism. She is not much better.

Mrs. Joseph Goddard has been quite sick for the past three weeks, but is some better.

While Albert Canedy was cutting ice on Mason's pond Tuesday the ice tongs slipped and he fell over over back into the pond. E. L. Fuller, who was working with him, took him by the collar and kept him from going under the ice. Albert says he does not like baptisms in the winter.

A Household Treasure.
D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y. says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's is undoubtedly the best Cough Remedy; he has used it in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at Burlington & Darby's. Drug Store. Reg. all size 50c and \$1.00.

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